

District Highlights

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One of the most important things that a church body needs to have is unity among its members. We know that Jesus desired this and prayed for this. We know that the goal of our faith is to be together at Jesus' feet in eternal glory. Unity is God's will for us today and his plan for us in the future.

Without unity love cannot flow. Our relationships with one another in the church become brittle and shallow. When this is the case, we do not look forward to fellowshiping with one another. We may find ourselves "going to church" more and more out of a sense of duty.

But God has a blessing for us as we take steps to maintain unity in our churches and as we take steps to restore unity where it may have been broken. The simplest steps toward unity, done in the power of the Holy Spirit, can bring great healing and new joy. Fellowship once again becomes precious to us. We no longer feel we must hide from or avoid certain persons in our church. We can move freely in Christ. We sense the openness of hearts and the presence of the Spirit.

I believe that maintaining unity in the Body of Christ is key to being the people God wants us to be. Unity is also key to our being effective witnesses to unbelievers. In our unity they see something different from the world's bitterness, clamor, and wrath. They sense that something unique is found among us – a wholeness, a peace. And they can be drawn to that. But if we are divided, they will not sense anything other than what they see every day in the world. But we don't ever have to be divided. Through the power of the Spirit we can enjoy the bond of peace.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," the Apostle Paul says. These are great words for the church, and they are timely words for us today. Let's make it a priority to see unity grow among us. If we do, we will be blessed and we will be a blessing!

EPHESIANS 4:3-4

³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

EPHESIANS

OUR UNSHAKABLE
IDENTITY IN CHRIST

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Peace to you!

Bill Wenger
Interim District Executive

District Office News

LEADERSHIP

Pastors

Gary Green — Brothersvalley
Dan Rhodes — Moxham

Ordained

Joy Derck

Ordination Transfer to Western PA District **Irvin Ernst**

HOSPITALIZED

- Please pray for **Pastor Stan Pisarski** who is recovering after shoulder surgery
- Please pray for **Pastor Charles Statler** who is recovering from health issues

SYMPATHY

To the family of **Pastor Henry Landis** as his wife Audrey passed away on May 15, 2017.

NEW MEMBERS

Tire Hill Congregation

- Jacob Bartis

September 2017

Highlights Deadline

August 10, 2017

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2017 DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 2017 District Directory is available and has been sent via email and postal mail.

If you would like a PDF or a paper copy, please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181 or email Tina Lehman at lehman@brethren.org.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY UPDATES

Corrections and additions will be noted in the District HIGHLIGHTS as they are received.

Page 35 - **ADDRESS CHANGE:** David Baker—
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NEED YOUR HELP

If your congregation will produce a new directory in **2017**, please drop off or send a copy to the District Office, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple, 15935.

It is very helpful to the District Office staff to have updated information from all the churches we serve.
Thank you!

Books and CD's! Free to a Good Home!



Stop in the District Office and check out this interesting collection of books generously donated by Elva Jean Westlake and the family of Terry Gindlesperger.

A list of books is available, contact us for more information.

AbbsTract July/August 2017

When I first started preaching and teaching in the Lord's service, I made myself a promise. I vowed that I would never teach or preach on a topic that I had already mastered.

Fortunately, this pledge has allowed me to address a wide variety of topics. :)

This summer, as a part of staff training at Camp Harmony, I have the pleasure of leading twelve sessions on the New Testament book of James. It's my favorite book (Martin Luther's least favorite), and as I type this in the middle of June, we are half-way through the study. I can say with confidence that I am keeping my aforementioned promise.

If you've not read James in a while, I suggest you read it today. It's like, two pages long. But he doesn't mess around. There is a LOT to absorb in those two pages. Whereas Paul took two pages to finish a sentence, James issues challenge after challenge to the Church, pulling no punches. I like James because you don't have to guess, interpret, or debate his meaning. He is not cryptic. He is straightforward and obvious and he writes like he wants to shake you by the shoulders.

"Hey, Church! Wakey wakey! Quit messing around! Time to take action and be serious about the right things! People are living and dying without Christ and we need to reach them with Truth!"

Now, let me issue a warning before you go and read what James has to say: you won't like it. It might get you riled up. You might get offended. What he says isn't flowery or poetic or even very nice. But it's the Truth and we need to hear it just the same.

James 4:6-7

But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 3:16-17

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

The book of James is all about action. Doing good deeds as a demonstration of your faith. He's not saying that doing good deeds will earn or buy your salvation; no! But what good is your salvation if you don't show your gratitude and love to Christ by honoring Him with your living? What good is your belief in God if you're still living the way you did before you knew Him? This is the big question of James.

One day in October of 2008 changed my life forever: I became a wife. On October 3rd I was not a wife, but on October 4th, I was. And that means something. Now, if I had decided sometime later to stop talking to Dan, to ignore him, to avoid him, to cease all affection toward him, to stop doing his laundry, to stop cooking his meals and to stop consulting him in household matters, would I still have been a wife? Sure. Legally and officially, I would still have been a wife. But the biggest part of being a wife is DOING all of those things that a wife is to do.

The message of James is this: You can call yourself a Christian all you want, but if you aren't living a life that reflects the active, living love of God, then who cares? What's the point? If you're still angry, still nasty, still vulgar, still holding onto your money, still indifferent to the poor, still immoral, still selfish, then you're also stillborn, and you need to be born again.

James calls 'em like he sees 'em. And as much as I don't like it, I respect it. And I need it. Maybe you do, too. If you're brave enough, read it. Ask God to humble you and give you a soft heart to hear what He has to say through James. For His glory, Amen.

:) Abby

At the District Office...

We have some new DVD study kits available in the Resource Room!



Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend:

Boundaries - Having clear boundaries is essential to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A boundary is a personal property line that marks those things for which we are responsible. In other words, boundaries define who we are and who we are not. Boundaries impact all areas of our lives; often, Christians focus so much on being loving and unselfish that they forget their own limits and limitations. Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend offer biblically-based answers to our questions, showing us how to set healthy boundaries with our parents, spouses, children, friends, co-workers, and even ourselves.

Boundaries with Kids - What the award-winning Boundaries has done for adult relationships, Boundaries with Kids will do for you and your children. Here is the help you need for raising your kids to take responsibility for their actions, attitudes, and emotions. Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend take you through the ins and outs of instilling the kind of character in your children that will help them lead balanced, productive, and fulfilling adult lives.

by Mark Batterson:

The Grave Robber - Do we believe that God still does miracles? Do we expect him to move in miraculous ways in our day-in, day-out lives? Maybe we'd like to see miracles, but it's hard to see past our problems. All that is about to change, like water into wine. "There are miracles all around us all the time," says Mark Batterson, "but you won't see them if you don't know how to look for them."

by Max Lucado:

God Came Near - It all happened in a moment -- a most remarkable moment. God came near. He came not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror, but as One whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter. The hands that held him were not manicured, but callused and dirty. No silk. No ivory. No hype. No party. No hoopla. God had come near ... for you. Travel back in time and relive Christ the Son of God becoming man. Come with Max as he brings to life the most important event in history ... when God came near.

Because of Bethlehem - Max Lucado loves Christmas. Let the sleigh bells ring. Let the carolers sing. The more Santas the merrier. The more trees the better. He loves it because somewhere someone will ask the Christmas questions: What's the big deal about the baby in the manger? Who was he? What does his birth have to do with me? And the answers he's found give us all hope. God knows what it's like to be a human. When we talk to him about deadlines or long lines or tough times, he understands. He's been there. He's been *here*. Because of Bethlehem, we have a friend in heaven.

He Chose the Nails - Linger on the hill of Calvary. Rub a finger on the timber and press the nail into your hand. Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of a thorn on your brow. Touch the velvet dirt, moist with the blood of God. Allow the tools of torture to tell their story. Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart.

I am not certain, but I believe these were all donated by the Locust Grove congregation. They have our thanks! If you'd like to borrow one of these or any others, let us know at the District Office – we'll do our best to get you what you need. Thanks, :) Abby

Local Church/District News

HEAVENLY HARVEST HOEDOWN

Geiger Church of the Brethren is busy making plans for their annual "Heavenly Harvest Hoedown"

The date for 2017 is September 23, 2017 and ALL are welcome. Hayrides, s'mores, hotdogs, Christian music, and much more!!

Look for details in the September Highlights.



Congratulations to all the Graduates in the Western PA District!

God's blessings be upon you in your bright futures!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WHEN: July 24 – 28, 2017

TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Mt. Joy COB
(1 mile East of Mt. Pleasant on Route 31)

Register your child by calling the church office at 724-547-3670 or emailing mt.joycob@gmail.com

As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord,"

he wrapped his outer garment
around him...

and jumped into the water.

-John 21:7

Local Church/District News



Giant Yard Sales at Roxbury Church Grove

Saturday July 8, 2017
Saturday August 5, 2017
From 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Vendors Needed!! Refreshments Available
Come see what great bargains you can find!

Rental Space: 20" x 20"
\$10.00 a space (bring your own tables)

Reservations can be made by calling the church
at 814-536-6716; lots of vendor spaces are
available if you are unable to make a
reservation.

Roxbury Church of the Brethren Grove
along Somerset Pike—Route 985

Roxbury Church of the Brethren Recreation Area

Are you looking for a nice
level area to have a family
reunion, birthday party,
graduation party,
anniversary party, etc.??



The Roxbury Church of the Brethren Grove is
located along Route 985 (Somerset Pike), 9
miles north of Jennerstown, 8 miles south of the
Roxbury section of Johnstown.

We offer facilities which include a pavilion, full
kitchen, indoor restrooms, softball field,
volleyball area, horseshoe pits, charcoal pits,
and swings. The grounds sit beside a small
stream where children at picnics often like to
entertain themselves.

Each year the reservations are taken for
individuals outside the church family as of
March 1st on a first-come, first-served basis.

A complete set of guidelines may be obtained
and any questions answered through the church
office at 814-536-6716.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

**The Roxbury COB congregation is
considering sharing their church grove
with another church.**

The agreement would be for both churches to
maintain the Recreation Area, as well as
benefit from the income from its rental.

If your congregation would be interested in
making this type of commitment or would like
more information, please contact Ruben
Montoya at 814-241-6966 or the church office
at 814-536-6716.

District Women's Ministries:

Calendar of Events 2017:

August 19 Summer Tea at Indiana COB

October 5 Brethren Home Day

*Mark your calendars,
more information to follow!*



FLEA MARKET

Shade Creek Ridge
Church of the Brethren
1623 Ridge Road Hooversville

July 8, 2017 8:00 am—1:00 pm

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Please read and share!

There are many ways to volunteer in the District, whether in be through Camp Harmony or the Brethren Home Community Windber; at events such as the District Auction; or even happenings in your own congregation.

The **Outreach and Service Team** of the District Leadership Team is still looking for volunteers to be the Western PA District Brethren Heritage and Peace Representative. As the Heritage and Peace Representative you would be asked to do the following:

1. Help promote peace education by interacting with individuals, pastors, and congregations.
2. Share peace education materials and instruction with the youth in our District by meeting with youth groups, camp groups at Camp Harmony, and other group settings arranged by the District Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator.
3. Work with the District Outreach and Service Team in any way that the Team can help the representative with the above responsibilities.
4. Report annually to the District Outreach and Service Team as to the work that has been accomplished in a given year.

Please contact Marsha Smith at 814-535-2213 or charmar467@atlanticbb.net if you are interested in serving.



B-D-M **Needs Your Help!**

Brethren Disaster Ministries needs your help. If you are interested in being a part of future mission trips please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530 or hjewald@atlanticbb.net

Other than the day trips to New Windsor all weeklong trips will be announced as the information becomes available.

2017 Schedule

THANK YOU

<u>Day Trips</u>	<u>Week Trips</u>
Thursday, August 10 Tuesday, August 29	July 9 - 15 South Carolina with Beaver Creek, Mid - Atlantic
Thursday, October 12 Tuesday, October 24	September 3 - 9 Project #2 with Brownsville, Mid - Atlantic
Thursday, Dec. 7 Tuesday, Dec. 19	October 1 - 7 South Carolina with (open)

Please be in
prayer for:

Annual Conference



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Events at the Penn Run Christian Outreach Center

(located directly across the street from the
Penn Run Church of the Brethren)

Annual Home & Craft Show

Saturday, November 11, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Many vendors and home party consultants will
be there as well as a silent auction, a pie
auction and lots of good food!

*Quilt Retreats - 8 am to 8 pm

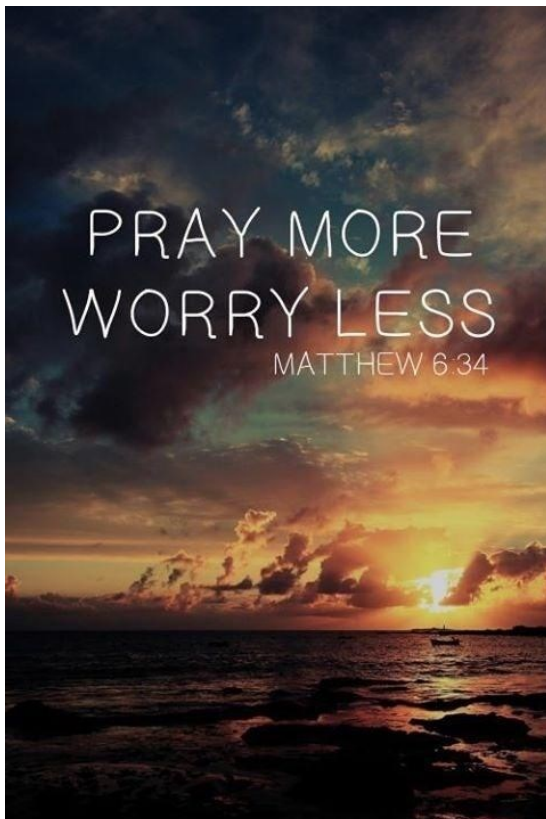
October 13, 2017 and October 14, 2017

*Call Pastor Jeff at the church office at 724-463-
0420 for more information.

Scrapbook and Card Making Retreat

October 21, 2017 - 8 am to 8 pm
Call Julie at 724-840-2704 for more information.

**PA Dutch Buffets will resume in October -
Saturdays from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**



151st Annual Western PA District Conference

October 21, 2017—9:00 am

**Camp Harmony
1414 Plank Road, Hooversville**

Reports: If you are responsible for submitting a
report for the District Conference booklet, you
will be contacted in June. **The deadline to
submit reports will be July 15, 2017.**

Displays: Groups that would like to have
displays in the exhibit area will be sent
registration forms in mid-July. Please be sure
to send the completed form back as soon as
possible so a table can be set up for you.

Registration: District Conference Registration
Packets will be sent out by the first week of
August. **All registrations are due by October 13,
2017 in order to give Camp a proper
count.**

[There are also Registration forms included in
this issue of the District Highlights.](#)

If you have any questions, please call the
District Office.

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Inspiration 2017

Generations

NOAC Psalm 145:4

National Older Adult Conference (NOAC)
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
September 4—8, 2017

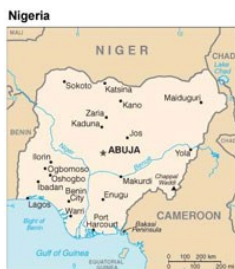
Transportation to NOAC

Camp Harmony is organizing transportation for anyone who is planning to attend NOAC this year. The cost for the trip is \$225 which includes 2 breakfasts and 2 meals for the roundtrip.

Please call Camp office at 814-798-5885 if you are interested and for more information.

sayhello
3 John 13-14
2017 Brethren Workcamps

For more information, please visit
<http://www.brethren.org/workcamps/>



Please continue to pray for the situation in Nigeria.

Remember them daily as we all pray for peace to come to that devastated region.

Visit www.brethren.org for more information.

Job Openings: If you are interested in job opportunities through the Church of the Brethren, open positions can be found at <http://www.brethren.org/about/employment.html>

Young Adult Conference calls the church to focus on love

Church of the Brethren Newsline—June 8, 2017
By Emmett Eldred

What a joy it was to take part in the 2017 Young Adult Conference over Memorial Day weekend. Dozens of young adults (ages 18-35) gathered together at Camp Harmony in the Western Pennsylvania District for a weekend of reflection, fun, and worship.



For many, the Young Adult Conference is an annual pilgrimage, and it was exciting to watch old friends reconnect and enjoy well-loved traditions that were formed during past events. For others, like myself, this was our very first Young Adult Conference. How delightful to be welcomed into such a loving, vibrant community to share in traditions from yesterday while helping shape the traditions for tomorrow.

It was a powerful reminder of Christ's assurance that whenever two are three are gathered in his name, he is there also (Matthew 18:20). The conference was an experience in doing church well, and I left more hopeful than ever about how the young adults of the Church of the Brethren are working to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, and together.

The theme for the weekend was "Loving Neighbor." We meditated on Jesus' great commandment, found in Matthew 22:37-39: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

During four worship services, we were invited to reflect on those words by Wendy McFadden who serves as publisher of Brethren Press, Monica Rice from McPherson (Kan.) College, Dennis Lohr who pastors Palmyra (PA) Church of the Brethren, and Emmett Eldred from DunkerPunks.com (that's me). But many of the most moving moments came during music led by Leah Hileman and through moments planned by worship coordinators Jennifer Balmer and Jess Hoffert, such as a footwashing service and a worship center that evolved as the weekend progressed.

Of course, worship was hardly contained to four services but permeated the entire weekend. Singing silly camp songs, meeting in small groups, sharing our talents during a "coffee house"—all were acts of praise. Each moment presented opportunities to learn, think, grow, and love. And the best lesson on loving our neighbors wasn't delivered from a lectern but played out in real time as we formed a community of neighbors and went about loving one another.

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Palestine

Pray as tensions are heightened between Israel and Palestine and as more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners enter the fourth week of a hunger strike. The prisoners are striking in protest over poor conditions and the Israeli policy of detention without trial. Pray for the inmates and their families and for the prison guards. Pray for Palestinian and Israeli victims of violence, and pray that further violence be prevented. Pray for an end to the occupation of Palestine, so that Israelis and Palestinians can find a just and peaceful way forward.

El Salvador

Pray for the Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) and Global Mission and Service volunteers serving in Central America as they meet for a time of reflection and rejuvenation this week. The retreat is led by BVS staff Dan McFadden, Jocelyn Snyder, and Todd Bauer and is held in Perqín, El Salvador. The volunteers serve with organizations in El Salvador and Honduras. Pray for safe travels and a sense of restoration to continue serving others throughout Central America.

Nepal

Pray for safe travel for Emily Tyler, coordinator of the Workcamp Ministry and Brethren Volunteer Service recruitment, and Jay Wittmeyer, executive director of Global Mission and Service, as they travel to Nepal in preparation for a young adult workcamp to take place in Nepal later this summer. Pray for the beginning of the Church of the Brethren Workcamp Ministry summer season, living out the theme of "Say Hello" based on 3 John 13-14. Pray for the 14 young adult workcampers traveling in Nepal to serve families affected by the 2015 earthquake, which killed thousands of people and devastated whole communities. The workcamp is partnering with Heifer International to assist in rebuilding homes and livelihood buildings. Pray for the families they will work with and learn from. Pray for safety and good health for all involved.

Brazil

Praise God for the 40th ordination anniversary of Marcos Inhauser, national director of Igreja da Irmandade-Brasil (the Church of the Brethren in Brazil). 18 years of Marcos' ministry have been with the Church of the Brethren. Give thanks for the wisdom, devotion, and commitment that Marcos has poured into his years of ministry and to the Brethren church. Pray for God's blessings of grace, patience, and courage as Marcos continues to serve for and with the church.



Marcos Inhauser(r) with his wife Suely, who also serves Igreja da Irmandade-Brasil. Photo courtesy of Suely Inhauser.

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Nigeria

Pray for this month's workcamp hosted by Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), during which a school will be built. Pray for health and safety for all Nigerian participants and for the three workcamp participants from Lancaster (Pa.) Church of the Brethren.

Praise God for the shipment of 476 boxes of books that is on its way to Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). Approximately half of these were donated by Church of the Brethren members and congregations from across the United States; the rest were provided by Books for Africa, the organization that is shipping the books. Once the books reach Jos, Nigeria, they will be distributed to Kulp Bible College and various other EYN schools and educational groups.



Church of the Brethren volunteers in New Windsor, Md., sorted and packed the books donated from across the country. Photo by Robin DeYoung.

Dominican Republic

Pray for the six representatives of Iglesia de los Hermanos (Church of the Brethren in the Dominican Republic) who are traveling to Santiago for a week of training with Medical Ambassadors International. They are completing the second phase of training for Community Health Evangelism, a program for faith-centered community empowerment and leadership development. Their participation is supported by the [Global Food Initiative](#).

United States/Dominican Republic

Pray for Global Mission workers Nicole and Jason Hoover and their children Ethan and Miriam as they travel to the United States for home leave, after a period of time working in the Dominican Republic. Pray for energizing interactions with American Brethren as they share about the ministry of Iglesia de los Hermanos. Pray for a time of rest, reconnection, and rejuvenation.

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Haiti/United States



Kayla Alphonse speaks at the graduation ceremony of Eglise des Freres' inaugural theological training class. Kayla organized the three-year program focusing on Scripture study and training in church administration. Photo courtesy of Ilexene Alphonse.

Pray for Global Mission worker Kayla Alphonse as she continues to transition out of her full-time work with Eglise des Freres d'Haiti, the Church of the Brethren in Haiti. Kayla has begun to serve as pastor at Miami (Fla.) First Church of the Brethren. She will travel regularly to Haiti to continue building leadership capacity in the church's theological training, student scholarship, and student health programs. Give thanks for Kayla's devotion to the Church of the Brethren in both Haiti and the United States.

United States

The Church of the Brethren Workcamp Ministry's summer season is in full swing! Pray for participants of the following workcamps taking place this week, that they remain safe and healthy and that they gain valuable experience and

learning from the communities with whom they are serving. Pray that they sense the heart of God in service to others. Hosted by Saving Grace Church of the Brethren, 11 senior high youth and their advisors spend this week with ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) in North Fort Myers, Fla. There they will aid in construction and farming projects while learning about ECHO's sustainable agriculture and hunger-prevention work around the world. Ten senior high workcamp participants are serving with Principe de Paz Church of the Brethren in Santa Ana, Calif. Together they will serve low-income and homeless communities throughout the city and work with the children's ministries of the church. Twenty-two junior high youth and their advisors will interact with several Brethren ministries in Harrisburg, Pa. The group will be hosted by Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren and will assist with the church's vacation Bible school. Participants will serve with the Brethren Housing Association to prepare homes for people experiencing homelessness. Brethren Community Ministries will lead the group in peace education activities.

South Sudan

Pray for traveling mercies for Global Mission worker [Athanasus Ungang](#) as he journeys from South Sudan to the United States for home leave. Pray for a rejuvenating time of rest and reconnection with his family, that he may be recharged to continue the taxing work for peace and human need in South Sudan. Athanasus will attend Annual Conference as well as participate in a STAR (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) training.



Athanasus Ungang (at right) working with children in South Sudan. Photo by John Jones.

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Pray for Our World



Global

Pray for countries throughout the world suffering large acts of violence. Pray for the people of Kabul, Afghanistan where a bombing in the city's diplomatic quarter killed at least 85 people. Several more lives were lost a few days later when suicide bombers attacked a funeral. Pray for the United Kingdom where 29 people died within two weeks in attacks in Manchester and London. Pray for healing for the hundreds who were injured. In the United States, pray for those grieving the six lives that were lost in a workplace shooting in Orlando, FL. Pray for measures to reduce guns and steps toward increasing peace. Pray for places where lives are lost daily but where the victims' names never reach global consciousness. Pray that war and fighting may be no more.

More people face famine today than at any time in modern history, with 20 million people at risk of starvation and millions more suffering drought and food shortages. The All Africa Conference of Churches and the World Council of Churches took part in a [Global Day of Prayer to End Famine](#) on May 21, 2017. Here are their prayers:

We pray for the people, churches, wider society and the governments of South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria and Yemen. We also pray for all the neighboring countries, which are also affected and are receiving and hosting millions of displaced people.

We pray for the strengthening of the prophetic voice of the churches. We also pray for the ministry of accompanying individuals and communities with their preferential attention and ministry to the marginalized and the poor.

We pray for the strengthening and adequate resourcing of the on-going work of the churches in the affected areas. We also pray for the revival among churches and faith communities to respond to this crisis and for the diaconal work of church communities.

Give us the humility, courage and willingness to respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers in dire situations in a compassionate, timely and sufficient manner.

We pray for children in the famine and drought affected countries and their welfare, that the appropriate interventions might be directed to them.

We also pray for peaceful and for safe working conditions of humanitarian workers and communities on the frontlines, that their lives are protected and access to humanitarian assistance is secured.

We pray for peace and durable solutions that will end conflict and violence. We pray that communities can live, mobilize their resources, benefit from the fruits of their labor, in their own environment, living without domination and fear. Amen

AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST – July/August 2017

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL – 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 – 412-979-0067
BAKER, DAVID – 110 Windy Ridge Lane, Apt 3, Shelocta, 15774-7225 – 724-902-0830
BERKEBILE, WES J. – 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 – 724-901-7058
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
DERCK, JOY E. - 3089 Dutch Run Rd, Shelocta, 15774-2224 - 724 354-3386
DERR, AMELIA – 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
DERR, HORACE - 1202 Roberts Street, Nanty Glo, 15943-1325 – 814-749-0262
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 -814 255-2431
KABLER, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
MANGES, JOHN W. – 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523 814-539-3332
MARSHALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MARSHALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 -724 583-7073
MARSZALEK, CHERYL A. - 409 Herman Ave, Wilmerding, 15148-1206 - 412 551-6422
PETERMAN, SANDRA M. -110 Windy Ridge Ln, Apt 3, Shelocta, 15774 - 724 354-6026
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 732-809-9013 (seasonal)
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day – 814 535-8202
SMITH, A. HARRISON -506 Sciandro Dr, Greensburg, 15601- 724837-4491
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 -814 634-8158
WALKER, JUDY M. -425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN -436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758
YOUNG, FRANK P. – PO Box 251, Jerome, 15937 – 814-418-5930

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DERMER, JOANN - 3062 Hyndman Rd, Hyndman, 15545 - 814 842-6489
HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
HORNER, TAMMY - 124 Whysong Lane, Johnstown, 15906 – 814-244-0958
SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
YOST, ERIC W. – 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 – 814-241-7753

LAY SPEAKER

RAMER, DONNA L. -102 Franklin Dr, Greensburg, 15601-1305-724 836-0594

DISTRICT CONFERENCE
DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM



Western PA District Church of the Brethren

Saturday, October 21, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Participants are asked to report to the registration table by **8:30 a.m.**

CAMP HARMONY

1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936

CHURCH _____

REGISTRATION FEE of \$25.00 per person - Due by Friday, October 13, 2017

This covers registration materials, meal and beverages, facility fee.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATION *[ALL OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS APPLY]*

- ♦ **Authorized/appointed non-elected delegates** from each congregation include the pastor, board or team chair, commission or team chairs (Ministry, Nurture, Stewards, Witness, or an authorized/appointed representative of corresponding commissions) not to exceed 4 persons, and a youth representative. The total number possible of **authorized/appointed non-elected delegates is 7.**
- ♦ 200 members or less - **2 elected delegates**
- ♦ More than 200 members - **2 elected delegates**, plus **1 additional delegate** for each 200 members over the initial 200 or a major fraction of 200.

NON-DELEGATES

- ♦ Any person that is not elected or appointed.

Number of <i>Delegates</i>	_____	@ \$25.00 each	\$ _____
Number of <i>NON-Delegates</i>	_____	@ \$25.00 each	\$ _____
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	_____	AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Make ONE check for ALL participants payable to:

Western PA District COB, 115 Spring Road, Hollsopple PA 15935-7412

DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

Before mailing to the District Office, please copy this form for your records.

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE USE ONLY

Form received:

Amount enclosed:

Please list all who are attending on the other side of this form:

CHURCH

List DELEGATES

Name _____
Address _____

Email _____
Office/Position _____

Name _____
Address _____

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Office/Position _____

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Child Care Registration ~ District Conference 2017

*One form must be completed for every child that is registered.

Child's Name
Parent/Guardian's Name
Address

Home Phone ()
Congregation



Health Care / Permission / Emergency Information

I give permission for my child to receive emergency medical treatment in the event of an injury or illness on Saturday, October 15, until I can be contacted. I understand I will be contacted as soon as possible by the Child Care Provider.

Parent/Guardian Signature:
Emergency Contact:
Emergency Contact Phone: ()

Insurance Information (Attach a copy of card - front & back)

Insurance:

ID# Group#:

Primary Care Physician: Phone ()

List ALL medications child is currently taking:

List any medical conditions/problems that a doctor needs to know:

List any known allergies:

Other comments:

Complete **one form for every child** you are registering and return by **Friday, October 13** to:
Western PA District, 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple PA 15935

Parent/Guardian Please clip and **keep this portion**
District Conference 2017 ~ Saturday, October 21, 2017
Child Care Information

Place: **Camp Harmony**
1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville, PA 15936

Drop Off: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Pick-Up: At the close of the conference

Items to Bring: One (1) packed lunch per child
Prepared bottles or baby food, if needed
Diapers, if needed
Snacks

**Child Care Workers have the required
clearance/background checks.**

**Note: No fee required. Costs are
included in conference registration.**

Church World Service Recovery and Support Kits

CWS Hygiene Kits, School Kits, and Emergency Clean-up Buckets are projects your church group can complete to make a difference for hurting people in the United States and around the world. These basic supplies are so common in the US, but so vital if you have lost everything in a disaster or live in poverty. Cash donations in lieu of assembled Kits or Buckets also help provide much-needed supplies. If you have questions, please call the CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

Wrap your love and prayers in every Kit or Bucket you put together. But, please, include only the items listed. **Do not include personal notes, money, or any additional items in or with the Kits.** And, please, do not include or decorate your Kits with religious symbols, as the Kits are shared with people based only on need, regardless of religion. Thank you for helping CWS be ready to respond!

Hygiene Kit

- 1 hand towel – 16"x28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 6 band-aids

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

School Kit

- 1 – 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 3 – 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages. **(No loose-leaf or filler paper.)**
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 large eraser
- 1 box 24 crayons (only 24)
- 1 – 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

Pack all items inside the cloth bag. Patterns for the bag are available online at www.churchworldservice.org or by calling your CWS Regional Office at 1-888-297-2767.

Emergency Clean-up Bucket

- 1 – Five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 – 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- 1 – 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- 1 – 24-28 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- 1 package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, 2 – 50 ft. or 1 – 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 pair work gloves
- 1 – 24-28-bag roll of heavy-duty 30-45 gallon trash bags (may be removed from carton)
- 1 – 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, note aerosol)

Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. **Be sure to send only new materials.** Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

Don't forget to send a check for \$2 per Kit or \$3 per Bucket to help cover the shipping costs.

Kits should be ***securely boxed and taped***. Boxes should be packed with only one type of Kit (Hygiene, School, or Baby) inside each box. The boxes should be labeled, noting the type of Kit, number of Kits, congregation/group, contact person, address, and number of boxes. **Please DO NOT put the \$2 inside the kit.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Fill out and attach this form to the box with the kits or the buckets, and send a check for \$2.00 per Kit or \$3.00 per Bucket to help cover shipping costs. Make check payable to and send to **Western PA District COB.**

Congregation/Group

Contact Person

Address

City/State/Zip

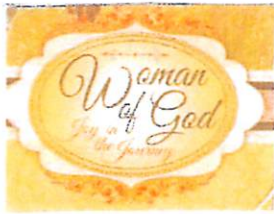
Phone Number

Indicate amount enclosed: Number of Kits x \$2 = \$

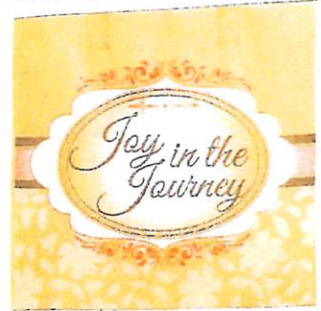
Number of Buckets x \$3 = \$

THE ANNOUNCEMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!!!!

THE DWM WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP HARMONY



"JOY in the JOURNEY"
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR
SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 2017



We are hoping that everyone that registered originally will be able to attend. We are opening registration for more women to join us. The more the merrier!!! We don't want anyone to miss out from receiving a blessing.

Most of our lodging will be at the Harmony House. However, because we are opening registration again, we will also be using some cabins. We will try to accommodate everyone the best we can with your choices. Harmony House does provide bedding – except you need to bring your own pillow. Everyone will need to bring towels. Don't forget your BIBLE.

We would like everyone to bring a Music Box with you if you can. We'd like to hear the story behind it. There may even be prizes given for certain Music Boxes.

Registration will begin on Friday from 4:00pm till 6:00pm.

Dinner will be served around 6:30pm.


Don't worry – there will be time for pampering. We are planning to have a Massage Therapist, an Essential Oil Therapist and a station for nails. Our pampering will start early so that everyone can enjoy the fun. (There is an extra charge for some of these things.)

Ladies – Pack your bags and prepare for a relaxing getaway. You'll grow closer to friends, deepen your relationship with Jesus and be pampered as well!!

Join the "Joy in the Journey"

The cost of the retreat is \$95.00 each. This covers all meals and snacks, entertainment, gifts and comfortable lodging. All registrations must be received by JULY 29, 2017 – PAID IN FULL. Each person should have a separate registration slip.

Please pray about coming. We'd love to have you there. BLESSINGS!!!



The District Women's Ministries

Invite you to the

Annual District Women's Tea Party

Mothers, daughters, friends and neighbors

Gather: around 12:30pm Starts: at 1:00pm

At: The Indiana Church of the Brethren

On: August 19, 2017

A time to honor and refresh women.

*Enjoy sipping tea, eating wonderful food and
delectable desserts.*

*The Hat Ladies, from Johnstown, will be
with us to bless us with their "Hats with an
Attitude"*



It's Tea Time

We'll get dressed-up and have some tea

Oh what fun this party will be!



Please bring a cup and saucer!

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Reservations **MUST** be sent or called in by July 30, 2017.

The cost is \$15.00.

CONGREGATION _____ Attn. # _____

Check enclosed (\$15.00 each) \$ _____

Make out checks to the "District Women's Ministries."

SEND TO: Arbutus Blough or call 814-629-9279

845 Speigle Road, Hollsopple, PA 15935

It's Tea Time!! We'll get dressed up and have some tea. Oh what fun this party will be!!!!

**DWM - "Joy in the Journey" Women's Retreat
September 15 & 16**

Last Name: _____, First Name: _____
Address: _____ Email Address: _____
City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____

The Full Retreat Price is only \$ 95.00 for each person. This includes the retreat, lodging, and meals.
Write checks to: District Women's Ministries

Pampering (Messages & Essn. Oils) is an extra charge during the retreat.

Registration **MUST** be RETURNED and PAID IN FULL before **JULY 29, 2017**.

MAIL TO: Pastor Judy Walker, 425 Morningside Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644-1954

If you have any questions, please call Pastor Judy at 724-522-5260. larryewalker1@gmail.com

If you have already paid and registered – please fill out and send back ASAP as a confirmation for September.

National Youth Conference 2018

It's that time again...

A year from now, during the second half of July, a group of youth and advisors will travel from Western Pennsylvania out to the Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado for National Youth Conference.



Preliminary information will soon start to show up at your church – please be on the lookout! It's a big trip, a big investment, and a big commitment on the part of those who are going, so please be supportive of people from your church who want to go.

I've already had a positive response from Robinson, Center Hill, Maple Spring, Salisbury, Plumcreek, and Windber/Scalp Level/Rummel about the trip.

If you have interested youth in your church, please let me know so we can start the planning process with a ballpark figure. I know for a fact that this has been an exciting, faith-building, life-changing experience in the past, and I'd like to see it continue into the future.

Please do what you can to make it a reality for eligible youth in your church!
Thank you!

☺ Abby



District Youth Choir Reunion



When: July 9th 12:30-4:30 (We can hang out after if we want.)

Where: Camp Harmony- Pavilion by the pool

(In case of bad weather or too many people, we can use the old dining hall.)

Who: All choir members, advisors, directors,
and their families

(One tour or 18, first ever tour or last tour so far or somewhere in between.
You can even come if you went to camp with choir people and wanted to
come to choir but couldn't.)

What to Bring:

- Covered Dish
- Swim stuff (pool open 2-4)
- \$2 per person who is swimming
- Donation for Camp for letting us meet there and for
being awesome!
- Choir photos and memorabilia for everyone to look at
(Be sure your name is on it so it doesn't get lost.)
- Music or instruments if you want to "jam" with old
friends

Please pass this on to all of your friends via facebook, e-mail, telephone,
snail mail, carrier pigeon, pony express, or whatever you need to do. Don't
let anyone get left out! That's what choir's all about!

***BRETHREN HOME
COMMUNITY WINDBER
JULY/AUGUST 2107***



For over 96 years, the Church of the Brethren Home has been a mission of the Western PA District of the Church of the Brethren. Thousands of residents and their families have received excellent nursing care in a Christian atmosphere at our facility. The Home's dedication to providing benevolent care for residents whose income does not meet the actual cost of their care has been made possible through careful budgeting and the continued support of the district churches. In the past few years, the Home's financial status has become stressed by mandated improvement projects, maintaining eligibility for government programs, and electronic updates. As a non-profit organization, the Home may accrue only a limited amount of savings, and when faced with unexpected expenses it becomes difficult to meet our financial obligations. While the Home board and staff are working diligently with our financial advisors to cut costs, a substantial loan was necessary to stabilize indebtedness.

In order for the Home and District to move forward, this debt must be paid. The Core Team is asking that churches and individuals prayerfully consider a donation to the loan principal. Donation checks should indicate "debt reduction" on the memo line and be directed to district treasurer, Carole Horner, at the district office.

MULCH DAY: Pastor Cecil Lohr organized a group of volunteers to mulch the landscaping beds along the front of the Home. Not only did their efforts assist the Home maintenance staff, it gave the grounds a fresh spring look in time for the annual Mother's Day brunch. Pastor Cecil recruited some members of the Sipesville church, and a few of his neighbors to work on the crew. A few of the same volunteers planted flowering annuals just before Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to our maintenance staff and the volunteer crew for making the Home grounds bloom in time for summer.



SHOE PROJECT: The Home Auxiliary's fourth shoe project ended on June 30. At the time of this printing, the minimum goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes had been reached, and we thank each church and individual who was able to be involved. The delivery department at funds2orgs has been contacted to set a pick up date in July. Any church with additional shoes still to be delivered should contact Susan Haluska at 814.361.6466. We will continue to accept shoes until the truck arrives. A report on the earnings from the project will be published in the September highlights, along with a report on the items purchased with the profits.



MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM:



Members of the Activities department presented a Mother's Day salute on May 12. The program of skits, songs, and readings, helped recall trials and rewards of motherhood. Stacy Morgart played a rebellious teen while Activities director Susan Haluska was a stressed mother of one with another on the way.



RUMMAGE SALE: The next Home rummage sale is scheduled for July 13 and 14, from 7 AM -3 PM, and 8 AM – noon on the 15th . Shoppers are invited to stop in, there really is something for everyone at the sale! Sale donations are being accepted any week day between 7 AM and 3 PM, call Chris Knepper at 814.467.5505 for details.



CAMP HARMONY

A ministry of the Church of the Brethren

1414 Plank Road, P O Box 158

Hooversville, PA 15936-0158

E-mail: harmony@campharmony.org

<http://www.campharmony.org>

(814) 798-5885 FAX: (814) 798-2225

*"Inviting all people to experience the wonder of
creation, and find harmony with God, with nature, and
with one another"*

2017 "52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM"

As more and more families are blessed they contribute \$1.00 a week or \$52.00 to Camp so that the ministry can bless others. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed \$52, the mortgage could be eliminated. The 2017 "52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM" now has 40 families including some congregations for a total of \$2,660. Thank you so much for your donations and prayers.

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Looking Ahead

Performing Arts Camp – June 24 – July 1

Performances of "Seussical"

June 30 – 6:00 PM

Adults \$10 Children \$5

July 1 - 2:00 PM

Adults \$10 Children \$5

Concessions available at both performances.....

*****Be on the lookout for all the information for the Harmony Fest on September 23, 24. Be part of a celebration weekend and enjoy your camp. We welcome all congregations and individual vendors.**

NOTE:

If Congregations are not going to have a booth, a Theme Basket for the Auction would be appreciated to help the ministry of your Camp. Thank You.....

Update for Clean Water Project

On Saturday, June 17 our representative from DEP, our engineer, and our township supervisor met to survey the improved sand mounds. It has now been designated a working system and we passed the first inspection. Praise the Lord. We especially thank Roaring Fork excavating whose expertise and perserverence helped to make this all happen. Thank you Lionel Berkebile and your faithful workers who worked diligently in the rain and now the hot weather. You made the deadline. The project which initially was going to be \$50,000 turned into \$100,000. However this may have saved us over \$300,000. The Lord is good. Needless to say we had collected finances for the initial amount, but because of the extent of the repair, we are definitely collecting donations to help for the additional amount. For more details, please contact Camp.



CAMP HARMONY



Harmony Fest

Bringing People Together in Harmony!



September 23-24, 2017

Kids Activities

Vendors

Food

**FREE
Admission!**

**Campfire &
Movie Under
the Stars**

**&
Music**



There's something for everyone!

www.campharmony.org

1414 Plank Road Hooversville, PA 15936

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2017 HARMONY FEST — VENDOR INFORMATION

We are already getting excited for our First Annual **Harmony Fest** at beautiful Camp Harmony! If you are interested in taking part in our festival, here are some things you need to know:

- All vendors and churches who want a booth **MUST** complete the registration form and submit the appropriate fee to Camp Harmony **by September 1st** in order to secure their spot. Please read carefully and select the vendor options that are right for you!
- We are going to do our best to have everyone **indoors or under-roof** who wants to be.
- This is a **brand-new event**, so even if your group had a favorite spot at the Heritage Festival in years past, we make no guarantees.
- All **food vendors** must sell food that was prepared in a state-licensed kitchen. Please send a copy of your license with your registration form. If you want to prepare food in Camp's kitchen, please call ahead to schedule.
- In case of **duplicate** direct-sales booths, (like two vendors selling Tupperware), we will accept the vendor whose registration/payment we received first.
- Camp Harmony also reserves the right to decline space to any vendor whose goods or services do not align with our **family-friendly** atmosphere.
- Upon receipt of registration, payment and acceptance, you will receive a confirmation letter.
- The festival will provide parking, shuttle service, indoor restrooms and brochures.
- Two-day vendors have the option of renting one of our **spacious new cabins**; for \$150, you can both stay in and sell from a cabin. If this sounds good to you, reserve yours soon!
- All **licenses, taxes and permits** are the sole responsibility of each vendor.
- After September 1st, all registration fees are non-refundable. If you need to **cancel**, please call us.
- **Basic Harmony Fest schedule:**
 - Vendor set-up is on Friday, September 22 from noon to 8:00pm. We'll provide you with a list of local eateries for meals on Friday.
 - Saturday morning – we hope to have a church serving breakfast. Saturday festival times: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. At 3:00 pm on Saturday we'll have a small benefit auction – we're asking each vendor to donate an item for that, if possible. Saturday evening – Camp will provide supper, a campfire and an outdoor movie night with snacks!
 - Sunday morning – our festival kicks off with a Christian worship service at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome. Sunday festival times: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Tear-down to follow.
 - Both days will feature a free children's area from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Camp will also have some adventure options available, like our climbing tower and zip-line!

Our team is looking forward to a successful event this September – thank you for your consideration and desire to partner with us for a great day that benefits the ministry at Camp Harmony. If you have any questions, please call the Camp office at 814.798.5885, and be sure to check out www.campharmony.org for more details.

Thanks!

The Harmony Fest Team



#spreadtheHarmony



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HARMONY FEST VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

SEPTEMBER 23 - 24, 2017

Please complete this application and return with registration fee by **September 1, 2017**. Thank you!

Individual / Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Vendor Options: (Please Check)

☐ Two-day with electricity - \$70.00

☐ Two-day without electricity - \$50.00

☐ Two-day with cabin lodging - \$150.00

☐ One-day with electricity - \$40.00

☐ One-day without electricity - \$30.00

Saturday or Sunday? _____

☐ (If you are a non-profit **-OR-** a one-day vendor, you have the option to waive the registration fee, with the promise that at least 50% of your festival earnings will go to Camp Harmony.)

Please tell us what you sell and let us know if you have any special requests: _____

Each registered vendor will be provided with an indoor or covered space (10x10), an 8' table and two folding chairs. We will also list everyone in our festival brochure/map. We do not provide extension cords.

I understand that this reservation reserves my space and I commit to attending Harmony Fest to provide the goods or services listed. I agree to abide by all terms and conditions (listed in the attached letter) set forth by the venue in regard to conduct, set-up, tear-down and payment. Camp Harmony is not responsible for any lost, broken, damaged or stolen items.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Please remember to include your registration fee!
Once we receive your registration we will send out a confirmation letter.

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PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS

Thanks very much for keeping the reports coming in! **Form B** that comes from the Yearbook Office in Elgin and updates contact information about your congregation's board or leadership team chair, the treasurer, a deacon contact, and a number of other contacts has been sent to your congregations and contacts. Please be sure to review the material provided on Form B and make updates as they are needed. **Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated**, as well as email addresses, if they are available.

In addition, the **Congregational Outreach Form** for 2016/2017 had been sent from the COB Stewardship Office and was due by December 1, 2016. If you have a question, you will need to contact the Stewardship Office at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. A downloadable version of the form, as well as a new fillable option is also available at www.brethren.org/stewardship. Feel free to use that option in order to switch to paperless reporting.

The forms listed below were received in the *District Office* as of June 20. **ALL of these informational forms are important to both the district and the denomination.** The updated forms are sent to Elgin and they provide a copy for the District Office. If you have a question about a form, please don't hesitate to contact Tina at 814 479-2181 or toll free 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

Church Code	Church Name	Form A	Form B	2016 Statistical Report	Additional Officers	Self-Allocation
37-010	Arbutus		•	•	•	
37-015	Beachdale					
37-020	Bear Run		•	•		
37-030	Berkey					
37-050	Bethel ♥	•	•	•	•	•
37-060	Brothersvalley		•	•	•	•
37-068	Canaan		•	•		
37-070	Center					•
37-080	Center Hill	•	•	•		
37-090	Conemaugh		•			•
37-100	Connellsville ♥	•	•	•	•	•
37-110	County Line		•	•		•
37-130	Elbethel ♥	•	•	•	•	•
37-140	Erie Community United		•		•	
37-150	Fairchance	•	•	•	•	
37-160	Fair View		•		•	
37-170	Farmington Bethel		•		•	
37-190	Geiger					
37-195	Good Samaritan					
37-200	Greensburg	•	•			•
37-210	Greenville	•	•	•		•
37-220	Hooversville	•	•	•		•
37-230	Hostetler		•	•	•	•
37-240	Hyndman		•	•		
37-250	Indiana			•	•	
37-310	Ligonier First	•	•	•	•	•
37-320	Locust Grove		•	•		•
37-340	Maple Glen					
37-350	Maple Grove					
37-360	Maple Spring	•		•	•	
37-380	Meyersdale		•			•
37-390	Middlecreek		•			
37-400	Monroeville		•	•		
37-410	Montgomery		•			

Church Code	Church Name	Form A	Form B	2016 Statistical Report	Additional Officers	Self-Allocation
37-260	Morrellville			•	•	
37-420	Mount Joy	•		•	•	
37-430	Mount Pleasant		•		•	
37-270	Moxham		•	•		•
37-440	Nanty Glo		•	•		•
37-450	Natrona Heights		•			
37-460	Oakdale		•		•	
37-470	Penn Run		•		•	•
37-475	Pike Run		•			
37-480	Pleasant Hill		•			
37-500	Plumcreek ♥	•	•	•	•	•
37-505	Purchase Line					
37-508	Rayman					
37-510	Robinson	•				
37-520	Rockton					
37-530	Rockwood	•	•	•		•
37-280	Roxbury ♥	•	•	•	•	•
37-540	Rummel	•	•			
37-550	Salisbury	•	•	•		•
37-560	Scalp Level		•	•	•	•
37-570	Shade Creek/Ridge		•	•		•
37-580	Sipesville		•	•	•	•
37-590	Somerset		•	•	•	•
37-620	Ten Mile					
37-630	Tire Hill ♥	•	•	•	•	•
37-635	Union Chapel			•		
37-640	Uniontown		•	•		•
37-290	Walnut Grove		•			
37-645	Way of Hope	•				•
37-300	Westmont		•			
37-650	Windber	•			•	
37-660	Wooddale	•	•			•

2017 District Events and Meetings

This calendar will be updated as we receive dates from your groups, please send your important dates to the District Office ASAP to insure they will be on the District Calendar. Thank you.

EVENTS ARE CODED AS...

- District Events open for anyone in the District to attend - CAPS
- Meetings such as District Leadership Team, Camp Board, Home Trustees, and events beyond the District - small print
- Youth and Children's Activities - *ITALICS & CAPS*

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE...

- **KEEP FOR REFERENCE WHEN SETTING LOCAL CHURCH DATES.**
- Each month check this page in District HIGHLIGHTS for changes/additions.
- Keep *your* calendar updated.

JUNE 2017

- 4 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
- 4 - Annual Conference Briefing, Geiger COB, 3:00 p.m.
- 8 - DWM, Camp Day, Camp Harmony
- 18 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
- 19 - District Women's Ministries, District Office, 1:00 p.m.
- 19 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
- 28 -ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Grand Rapids, Michigan

JULY 2017

- 2 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (concludes), Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 20 - Core Leadership Team 6 p.m., (District Conference Business)
- 24 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., Arbutus Church (District Conference Business)
- 31 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

AUGUST 2017

- 3 - Brethren Home Auxiliary, 1:00 p.m.
- 12 - ACTS Class, District Office
- 19 - DWM Summer Tea, Indiana COB
- 21 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 - ACTS Class, District Office
- 28 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 4 - LABOR DAY
- 7 - Key Ladies Luncheon, BHCW
- 9 - ACTS Class, District Office
- 14 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 15-16 - DWM Retreat, Camp Harmony
- 18 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
- 23 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 23 - HARMONY FESTIVAL at Camp Harmony
- 25 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 2017

- 1 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 5 - District Women's Fall Rally, Pettikoffer House
- 7 - ACTS Class, Pleasant Hill COB
- 21 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 23 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 - ACTS Class, Pleasant Hill COB
- 30 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2017

- 2 - Brethren Home Auxiliary, Bake, Soup & Craft Sale, 1:00 p.m.
- 4 - TWELVTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
- 5 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks *BACK* one hour)**
- 9 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
- 11 - ACTS Class, Pleasant Hill COB
- 18 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
- 20 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- 26 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 27 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 2017

- 3 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 9 - *CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony – more information to come*
- 10 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 17 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 18 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 - MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!
- ? - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
- 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

PLEASE NOTE

Dates will be added or changed as needed. If your District group, team, or committee has additions or changes to this calendar, please contact the District Office as soon as possible. Your help is much appreciated!